

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that an amendment to the previously entered consent decree in *United States v. Reynolds Metals Co. and Westvaco Corp.*, Civil Action No. 3:97-CV-226 (E.D. Va.) was lodged with the court on February 27, 1998.

The proposed amendment to the previous decree resolves the claims of the United States against J.W. Fergusson and Sons, Inc. under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, for past response costs and certain response actions at the HH Burn Pit Superfund Site in Hanover County, Virginia. The decree obligates the Settling Defendant to reimburse \$175,000 of the United States' past response costs and to join with two parties who settled previously to perform the remedial action the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has selected for the site.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Reynolds Metals Co. and Westvaco Corp.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-1408.

The proposed amendment to consent decree may be examined at the United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$3.50 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR 98-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories Standard 29 CFR 1910.1450. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the addresses section of this notice. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by May 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 98-8, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adrian Corsey, Directorate of Health Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3718, telephone (202) 219-7075. A copy of the referenced information collection request is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Adrian Corsey at (202) 219-7075 extension 105 or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076 extension 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories, contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/> and click on standards.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories standard and its information collection requirements provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories. The standard requires that employers establish a Chemical Hygiene Plan, including exposure monitoring and medical records. These records are used by employees, physicians, employers and OSHA to determine the effectiveness of the employers' compliance efforts. Also the standard requires that OSHA have access to various records to ensure that employers are complying with the disclosure provisions.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories 29 CFR 1910.1450.

OMB Control Number: 1218-0131.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Federal government, State and Local governments.

Total Respondents: 34,214.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 306,909.

Average Time per Response: Ranges from 5 minutes to make records available to 1.75 hours for an employee to have a consultation and a medical examination.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 96,571.